

Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen – Meeting Minutes
Date: 2/8/18 Presiding: Kari Prescott, President Called to Order: 6:30pm

Chapter Business

December minutes approval – Kari Prescott motioned to approve. Cindy Gordon seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Wendy Coombs

According to my records, balance was \$968.79 when I took the books on Jan. 25, 2018. This balance was determined by subtracting the deposit (\$1903.00) from the total balance showing (\$2871.79) after our deposit of January's social receipts. This balance of \$968.79 is \$104.89 off (in our favor) from the previous balance showing in the club's physical book. Between Jan 25 and today, Feb 8, to my knowledge, there have only been 3 checks run through the account (state club dues \$797.00, food for social \$1100.00, and Smithfield Imp for gifts for \$180.00) for a total withdrawal of \$2077.00. This leaves a present balance of \$688.93.

I do not know if other checks have been written, as I do not have physical possession of the checkbook with the above check numbers.

After getting the online account set up, I was hoping to be able to see exactly what has and has not cleared. I cannot access the statements online at this point so I will go in the bank and get an up to date statement showing previous balances, deposits, and checks.

According to the balance showing on the online account page, as of today, is \$924.80, which is \$235.87 more than the current balance of \$688.93. Hopefully that will be cleared up when I go to the bank to get a printed out version of the statement.

Volunteer Hours – Please take a volunteer hours sheet now and start tracking time you spend doing any work this year! Include recon and cleanup rides and trail work, as well as time spent in service to the chapter. If you drive to run errands, or spend time making calls or contacts for activities, put it down! The more active we are, the more relevant we are!!

State Meeting Recap – Kari Prescott – State minutes have not come out yet. One key point was the Bicycles in the Wilderness. At this point, they are trying to have the Wilderness Act rewritten to include them instead of exclude them. Contact your senators and congressmen to let them know you are with the BCHA and do NOT support this! Full state minutes will be distributed as soon as they are sent to us.

Meeting Day Change – Discussion on changing to a Tuesday or Wednesday so CC Riders members can participate in our org as well. Dawny Byington motioned to move our meetings to the third Tuesday of the month. Heather Dye seconded. Motion passed. **Our meetings will now be on the third Tuesday of each month.**

Cache Valley Cowboy Rendezvous – March 2-4 – We have a booth in the lobby outside the cafeteria again. Kari will check into getting the state display with Demo Dude. Heather will start setting up around 4-5pm on Friday the 2nd. Any who can come and help with that are encouraged to do so. If we can have someone bring pack gear to put on the horse, it would be much appreciated! Otherwise, we can saddle him and add various saddle bags and packs. Kari, Ron, and Dave have volunteered to help throughout the weekend. We usually pack up again Saturday night around 8pm, or when things really slow down.

Activity Discussion

- **Saturday March 31st – Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic** – Dr. Heather Nemanic will be coming up to do a presentation and demonstration on these techniques. This will be held at the indoor arena at the Cache Fairgrounds at 12:30pm. The clinic is free to all BBCH members. \$10 for non-members. There are a limited number of spaces for Dr. Nemanic to evaluate horses that day. If you are interested in a spot, contact Cindy Gordon at 435-232-4864. ** All spots are now taken. However, please contact Cindy if you are still interested in an evaluation by Dr. Nemanic. If we can get enough additional names on the list, we can have Dr. Nemanic come up another day to complete those evaluations in a group event.
- **Trip/Ride planning**
 - **Antelope Island** – We will have a group ride at Antelope Island on **Saturday, February 24th**. Riders should **be at the trailhead no later than 9am, ready to ride by 9:30am**. We can trailer-pool and caravan down to the island as needed. If you need a horse to ride, space in a trailer, or a caravan buddy, please reach out to Heather for coordination!! The park entrance is \$10 per vehicle, \$5 for seniors over 62. To get to the island, head south on I-15. Take exit 332 Antelope Drive, and turn right. Follow that all the way straight to the island. Upon entering the park, follow the signs to White Rock Bay. There is a camping area and trailhead there where we will start. (<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/map/>) We expect the temperatures to be in the mid 40-50s. Be prepared for cool temperatures.
 - **Yellowstone** – We have scheduled the Yellowstone trip for the weekend of July 6-8. If you leave Cache Valley about 3pm, you can be setting up camp by 7pm. We would like to caravan as many as possible, for those who have not been there. We dry camp on Flagg Ranch Road about a mile from the trail head. There are no facilities. Horses must be tied, hi-lined, or picketed. You will need to plan to bring all supplies for you and your horses. There is a creek to water the horses. The main ride will leave camp no later than 9am Saturday morning. The ride out to the waterfalls is about 10 miles from the trailhead. Plan to be out and riding until well into the evening. Last year, we got back to camp about 8pm. Bring swimming suits, sandals, and towels to play in the swimming hole at the end of the trail! The trail is not difficult, but is a long ride and crosses the river four times each direction. Depending on your time available, you can ride again on Sunday, or head home if you need to get back to work on Monday. For a general idea of our location, we take I-15 up to Idaho Falls, and then highway 20 to Ashton, ID. In Ashton, we turn east and follow Flagg Ranch Road about 30 miles up to Loon Lake.
 - **Uintahs** – This trip is scheduled for August 17-20. This trip will also require caravans. As with Yellowstone, we will dry camp with no facilities. We will be planning multiple rides to several lakes for fishing. This area is very rocky and will be more difficult riding. We will also need to be prepared for inclement weather. Last year, we were rained and hailed on almost every day, at least part of the day. We still had a great time though! More details will come for this trip as it gets closer.
- **Health papers clinic** – We have scheduled this for our meeting on June 19th. Barb Middleton will call the vet and brand inspectors. We will try to have it at the same location as we did last year, the Smithfield arena. If you plan on going to Yellowstone, you will need to get your Coggins and Health Certificate in hand for each horse going, as well as have current brand inspections (if you don't already have them). For the Uintahs trip, you will just need Coggins and BI's. As we will still be in Utah, Health Certificates should not be necessary. **For those needing Brand Inspections who do not have paperwork on hand for their horses, you can still get the BI! Bring the horse and they will be inspected. They now have paperwork you can complete that states you purchased the horse legally and waives them of responsibility.
- **Other trips** – Dave Forsberg will look into the logistics for a trip to King's Ranch in Malad and report back to us. Ron Auger will also be planning some pack trips. If you would like to plan or see any additional trips or rides planned, please speak up!

- **Other activities**

- Judy Smith is the new Equine Therapist at USU. She has let us know she would be willing to do a program for us in May to explain the USU Equine Therapy program and give us a tour of the new facilities out on the highway. Barb Middleton will get with her to confirm that for our meeting on May 15th (this is now confirmed!).
- We will need to plan clean up rides on the trails we maintain: Smithfield Dry, High Creek, White Pine, and Steam Mill. We will start planning those rides as soon as March. If you are going up on a ride on your own, and would like to spread the word for people to join you, please post the information on our Facebook page, or contact Heather, who can get the word out! Please be proactive in attending clean up rides this year and we can get a lot more done! As always, track your hours!!!!
- We will discuss planning our Summer Social at the next chapter meeting. Please check your calendars for dates that would work for you to attend the social this year. If you cannot come to the next meeting to participate in the discussion, please send your preferences to Heather so they can be included in the discussion.

Additional Business

- Our PO Box in Logan has gotten extremely expensive. It is up to \$140 for the year now. We know that outlying post offices may be cheaper. Wendy Coombs will call around for some prices and report back to us so we can consider changing our PO Box location. If you are planning to mail in a renewal form, please do it so it arrives before the end of February! We may not have that box after 2/28!
- The Wasatch Front Chapter is hosting the **All Ladies Ride for August 2-5** at the Tasha Equestrian Campground in Fish Lake National Forest. The information on this has been emailed out previously. If you need it again, please contact Heather. RSVP is needed asap, payment is due no later than July 13th.
- It was mentioned that we should possibly work on selling the large trailer we purchased a couple of years ago. It has been sitting unused and is really too big for us. The plan would be to assess its current condition, mainly the tires, and finish cleaning off old stickers and logos. It would then be emptied and moved to Bill and Connie's house on the highway north of Smithfield with a big For Sale sign on it. We would like to ask \$3,000 for it. Once sold, we would look for a smaller bumper pull box trailer to purchase. This would be easier for more members to pull it as needed, easier to store, easier to wrap with our logos, etc. Heather Dye motioned to pursue this course of action. Cindy Gordon seconded. Motion passed. Kari will go out and evaluate the trailer and see if we need to look at new (used) tires to get things started.

Action Items

- Wendy will work on reconciling our accounts, as well as researching a new PO Box location.
- Kari will evaluate the chapter trailer for getting it ready for sale, and check about getting the state display for the rendezvous.
- Barb will confirm with the third parties for our May and June meetings.
- Heather will prepare materials for the rendezvous, and send out the state minutes when they are done.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR – PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

More details will be given as events get closer

Feb 24	Group ride to Antelope Island – 9am White Rock Bay trailhead
March 2-4	Cache Valley Cowboy Rendezvous – Mountain Crest High School
March 20	Chapter Meeting at Bill & Connie's – 214 E 7340 N in Smithfield
March 31	Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic – 12:30pm at the Cache County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena
April 17	Chapter Meeting – Spring Fling Potluck – Location TBA
May 15	Chapter Meeting – Tour at the new USU Equine Facility with new Equine Therapy director
June 19	Health Papers and Brand Inspection Clinic – 6pm at Smithfield arena
July 6-8	Yellowstone camping trip
July 17	Chapter Meeting – TBA
August 2-5	All Ladies Ride weekend
August 17-20	Uintahs camping trip
August 21	Chapter Meeting – TBA
Sept 18	Chapter Meeting – TBA
Oct 16	Chapter Meeting – TBA
Nov 20	Chapter Meeting – TBA
Dec 18	Chapter Meeting – TBA

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 20th 6:30pm – Hosted by Bill and Connie – 214 E 7340 N in Smithfield

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51pm

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